Michigan Farm News

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Farm Bills Do Well at Lansing

Expect Seal of Quality Bill to Become Law. Good for Bill to End Unfair Dairy Trade Practices

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Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau

Michigan Farm Bureau made a good record at this session judged on the basis of the Farm Bureau's policies and programs. I emphasize the word "policies" because this is an annual report. Many of the policies written in these pages are lasting measures that are still hanging in the balance and it is impossible to predict for sure what their fates will be.

The Legislature operates with a series of deadlines. As each of these fateful days approaches there is frantic pressure from those favoring or opposing the pending bills. As each such bill passes, another sinister chuck of the legislative gist is diced for the year.

To illustrate how many of the measures meet their death in this way, in the House a total of 651 bills were introduced this year, but only 248 of them were reported to a house committee.

In the Senate, 396 were introduced, but only 171 of them were approved in that body and sent over to the House.

Thus, out of a total of 1,077 introduced this year, considerably less than half of them, only 419 to be exact, were passed by the House of origin.

Only one farm bill that might be of real importance to our citizens was passed by either the House or the Senate, and that was the bill that did not allow any material that had been marked for destruction to be sold for human food.

I am pushing this to let you all know that the Michigan moratorium on the sale of garbage meat is now the law of the land.

It has been already passed an extra 20 years without the need for changing its terms. It will be put into effect the very day after the close of the session and the law will be in effect for the next two terms of the Legislature.

I am not saying it will be possible. I am only pointing out that it is a law and that it is a law to stay.

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Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER N. FISHER
Manager of Organization Division, Michigan Farm Bureau

May has finally arrived and with it, the end of winter (I hope). This also means more farm work and less emphasis on Farm Bureau activity.

April was another busy month in Farm Bureau plus providing us with a "big white surprise." The activities this past month were quite varied.

The Spring Institutes were completed with the final meeting in Rapid River in District 11. After checking the attendance, our records show that only one county was absent. All the rest were represented on one or more of the committees involved.

North Carolina, Michigan Farm Bureau was honored by a visit from the North Carolina Farm Bureau. The group was made up of 140 key leaders, men and women. The purpose of their visit was to observe as North Carolina is in the process of doing something reorganizing. Michigan was one of several states that was visited.

Farm Bureau Women are holding their Spring District meetings in April and May. Part of their program is being devoted to a discussion of (1) Emergency Field Grain Bill; (2) Administration’s Farm Bill; (3) Farm Bureau’s Cropland Adjustment Program; (4) World Trade and how the Rotterdam Trade Center Fits into the over-all picture.

Our Information Division has worked into a new field. More ads are being available to newspapers throughout the state. To date, 12 pages are being devoted to the service.

Michigan Farm Bureau has been busy meeting with groups of people—growers and discussing their interest in our new subsidiary, the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association.

Farm Bureau Young People have held District meetings. They are in the process of planning their two summer camps and the various projects that will be done this summer. They are: Fall Meet, Talent Test, a pizza party; Michigan Farm Bureau contest, Camp Kott, State Fair, Farm Field Day, and others.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is the only national organization representing the economic, social, and educational interests of all agriculturists of every kind or sector.

We believe that government should provide a service to everyone. Each member should assist or resist government legislation according to their personal and political beliefs.

We believe that private enterprise is the basic unit of farm production. We believe in the American capitalist free enterprise system—whether it be a small farm, a large farm, or even a corporation. We believe that private enterprise should be protected in order to encourage-individual initiative.

We believe that voluntary organization is part of the American way. All of this should be understood and appreciated by every American, regardless of economic, social, educational, or political background.

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The program will be composed of discussions about Farm Bureau and marketing concerns. Jerry Cott is field manager, Winter Elevator and Jerrico Elevator.

Two Camps in June for Young People

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In several recent years, no opposition emerged against the Farm Bureau. But they have learned that even the Farm Bureau, no matter how strong, can be defeated by determination and hard work.

A well organized minority can make a difference. They are led by farm leaders who have a clear understanding of the issues, and they are backed by the strength of the Farm Bureau.
Activities of Women of Michigan Farm Bureau

District 1

Mrs. Lee Cook, Chairwoman
Kalamazoo 5-1

The regular business meeting was held at Berrien Center April 11 in the auditorium of St. Joseph County. Eighty attended. Mrs. Norma DeRham was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mrs. Martha F. Higgings who had been the secretary of the St. Joseph County Women's Committee for many years. She attended the meeting to bid farewell to the group. Miss Marita Menner who was introduced and told the members what Farm Bureau is and does.

St. Joseph County, Mrs. Rich. DeRham, a member of the Board of Directors of the Farm Bureau Women's National Board, attended the meeting and said that the school started five years ago at St. Joseph County. The Board of Directors do not set the policy, but they vote on any questions which are sent to them for a decision. The Board now has 22 members.

The women's group voted to give a $25.00 donation to the Three Rivers Area and $25.00 donation to the Van Buren County Women's Committee at the conclusion of the May meeting.

Van Buren County Women's Committee received a grant from Michigan CFOP for asking for an air show which was held in the 1960's to attract the community. We were invited to the airport, which was the site of the show.

The May meeting will be held in Constantine. The program will be the visitation of the local Women's Committee. Cape Sable will be the feature. The program will consist of a wine making demonstration, baking demonstration, and a guest speaker on a topic which will be announced later.

District 2

Mrs. G. Colburn, Chairwoman
Jackson 8-6

Calhoun County Farm Bureau Women met April 11 at the Marshall Elks Club. Thirty-two members were present with four guests and one observer. Mrs. Lloyd Triggs, state Farm Bureau Women's activity chairman, reported that we should be alert for opportunities to serve others and not just ourselves.

Mrs. Dorothy Brown, District 2 Chairman, introduced Mrs. Judith D'Ambra, 4-H Committee chairman, to address the group on the 4-H Clover Tour which has started in the four counties of the district. She said the 4-H Club members were very interested to hear about the trip. She also said that if the trip is successful, the Michigan 4-H Club will be able to go to California and other states.

Marshall County, Mrs. Dan Hurst, said her club is planning a trip to the World's Fair in New York. They have rented two buses and have 150 members interested in going. They are planning to leave on May 15 and return May 25. The trip will cost $45 per person. The members are very excited about the trip.

Lake County, Mrs. Joseph F. Shilts, reported that the Lake County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Robert H. Stover on April 14. There were 12 members present at the meeting. The meeting was held to discuss the 1961 State Conference and the upcoming district meetings. The group decided to send the following members to the State Conference: Mrs. Joseph F. Shilts, Mrs. Joseph F. Shilts, Mrs. Robert H. Stover, and Mrs. Robert H. Stover.

Wayne County, Mrs. L. D. Miller, reported that the Wayne County Women's Committee will be awarding $250 to the first place winner of the Wayne County Fair. They also distributed $1,000 to the first place winner of the State Fair.

Latah County, Mrs. Joseph F. Shilts, reported that the Latah County Women's Committee met at the home of Mrs. Robert H. Stover on April 14. There were 12 members present at the meeting. The meeting was held to discuss the 1961 State Conference and the upcoming district meetings. The group decided to send the following members to the State Conference: Mrs. Joseph F. Shilts, Mrs. Joseph F. Shilts, Mrs. Robert H. Stover, and Mrs. Robert H. Stover.

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The next meeting will be held May 9 at the Marshall Elks Club. Mrs. William C. Shilts will be the chairman of the meeting. The meeting will include reports from the various committees and a discussion of upcoming events.
Tests, Culling, Better Feeding Make Profits

LAURY JOHNSON
Extension Dairy Specialist

Two producers, Horace Hoopes and Guildenmen, have sold 54,000 pounds of milk and 450 head of cattle thus far. Buying dairy cattle Ottawa County agent, local farmer and advice specialist, (1236x1621)

The return on feed cost was around 51%, 100 pounds more than usual for this time of year as feed costs were down about 30%.

For information about any of these nearby breeding farms, go to Lakeview,2064 West Main, or 4461. Michigan State University Dairy Herd Improvement Office, East Lansing, Mich.

FHA Drive Revives Labor Backing Charge

A membership drive by the FHA Labor Backing Charge has been organized to provide funds for the labor movement's goal of a 600-pound increase in milk production among dairy farmers. To date, 40 farmers have joined the drive and contributed a total of $3,000. The FHA plans to increase this amount to $10,000 by the end of the year. The FHA is a division of the American Dairy Association, which represents over 200 dairy farmers across the country.

Dairy Herd Improvement Association officials say the increase in milk production is vital to the future of the dairy industry. They argue that by increasing milk production, the industry can better compete in the global market and maintain its position as a major contributor to the U.S. economy.

HURON COUNTY Community Development Program

The Huron County Community Development Program has announced the appointment of John Smith as the new director of the program. Smith has over 10 years of experience in community development and has a strong background in finance and project management.

The Huron County Community Development Program is a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life for residents of Huron County through the development of projects and programs. The program focuses on improving the economic, social, and environmental conditions of the county.

FARM BUREAU ACTS ON MINIMUM WAGE BILL

Michigan Farm Bureau has offered support to the national farm organization's initiative to increase the federal minimum wage to $7.25 per hour. The national organization has launched a public campaign to raise awareness of the issue and encourage Congress to take action.

The increase in the minimum wage is seen as a necessary step to address the growing gap between the wages of low-wage workers and the cost of living. Michigan Farm Bureau believes that a higher minimum wage can help improve the economic situation of farmers and their families.

Some Fencing Controllers Cause Fires

Many Michigan farmers have installed fencing controllers to protect their livestock from predators. However, some of these controllers have been found to cause fires in barns and outbuildings. The controllers are designed to charge barbed wire fences with electricity, which can create sparks if the wire comes into contact with flammable materials.

Several farmers in Michigan have reported incidents of fires caused by fencing controllers. In some cases, the fires have caused significant damage to the barns and outbuildings. The Michigan Farm Bureau is calling for caution when using fencing controllers and encouraging farmers to follow proper safety guidelines.

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JERSEY - A Jersey breeder farm capable of handling up to 5,000 birds is located at Johnstown, West Virginia. This farm and research is also conducted here.

MICHIGAN JOINS AMER. APRIL MLETTA ASSN. WALTER VIGHTMAN, MICH. AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ASSN. president, signed an agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service, a department of the Department of Agriculture, to become a member of the American Farm Bureau, APRF and AASKA. President Charles Shuman looks forward to the support of the Michigan farmers and the nation's farmers. This is the first time that an American farm organization has affiliated itself with the American Farm Bureau. Others are expected to follow.

Alcoves & Осeаwаn Students on Legislative Tour

The 1974 Michigan Agricultural Stars, the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmer program, and the Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics specialists, are planning a day in Lansing for May 1. The students will be introduced to the Michigan State University legislative staff, and at the Michigan Senate and House. After the sessions had adjourned, the group was introduced to the Michigan Senate and House. The speakers were introduced to the Michigan Senate and House. The speakers were introduced to the Michigan Senate and House. The speakers were introduced to the Michigan Senate and House.

Oregon - a turkey feeding farm capable of handling up to 5,000 birds is located at Anoka, Minnesota. Some calf and swine research is also conducted here.

GARNER - At Garner, N. C., The United States Department of Agriculture has a research center for the study of turkey feeding. The center has 2,200 acres and produces 3,500 birds per year. The center is used for the study of turkey feeding and the development of new products.

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LAMBERT - 50,000 birds per year are raised in Farm Bureau's turkey and chicken farms under the most practical conditions. This farm is located in the heart of the turkey and chicken farming area of the country.

A special article on "tilt-up" concrete to get a low-cost cattle shelter that's tight, solid and long-lasting. Say LLOYD NICHOLS, Brantford, Neth.
HE ATE WHAT HE GOT

Morshulah what are he understood on his plate.
And never as people do now.
Did he note the amount of the calorie count.
He ate because it was chew.
He wasn't disturbed as he was eating.
Destroying a roast or a pie.
To think it was being grilled in fat.
De a couple of vitamins daily.
He cheerfully devoured every species of food.
Unprotected by worries or fears.
Leaves his might be hurt by some fancy banquet.

And he lived over 500 years.

By Llewellyn W. Young, from The Poultryman, reader.

Europe Adopts Self Service Food Stores

The rapid growth in the number of self-service or convenience store, market type food stores in European countries impresses many observers as a major step toward the solidification of the European economic recovery program. In 1957 over 15,000 self-service stores were added to the network of exclusive service and store food stores.

W. Central Region

CHARLES BURKE of Prentiss, Miss., a farm leader in the West Central Region, serves as the chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau. Mr. Burke, who was transferred from Bobs Lassie Nursery to Burton Poultry, serves as the chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Swiss Import More Poultry Meat

Switzerland increased its imports of poultry meat in 1957 to nearly 20 million pounds, up 17% over 1956. The imports are expected to continue the same trend.

Michigan Tracking Association

Michigan's tracking program is being expanded for greater service to the state's farmers.

Michigan Weeds' name: Michigan's New Horizon—"Michigan's New Horizon"—is beautifully illustrated and the service it renders the people of this state. For trucks don't create new horizons through their ability to move the most remote areas. They go wherever there are roads (and even where there aren't roads, for that matter), carrying new products, new conveniences, new services to people all over Michigan. Yes, trucks stand ready to play a most important role in Michigan's quest for new horizons.

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New Developments in the State Tax Picture

Community Farm Bureau Discussion Topic for May

Background Material for Program in May by Our 1526 Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

DONALD A. KINZER
Co-ordinator of Education and Research

New state taxes in 1961? Right now, any important change in Michigan's tax program appears unlikely. There have been tax ideas, but they have been swept aside by a "stand-off" in the Legislature for the most part.

Maybe the "stand-off" is more than a mere party deadlock. Many believe that the House is more conservative than the Senate on tax matters. The House is split pretty evenly — 36 to 34. The Senate split is wider — 23 to 11. Then there is a Constitutional Convention due next October. Lots of people have been talking about writing a whole new tax program into the proposed Constitution.

Now, if I were a legislator, I might ask, "Who set up a new tax approach this spring when the Convention may junk the whole plan now?"

I might consider it just as well to wait and see; unless some mine "stop-gap measure" is needed to carry the program this year.

Yet, tax plans and proposals did appear. Some were proposals to tide the State over the 1961 bump. But the Governor proposed an "earth-shaker" — a plan to change the whole basic tax structure of Michigan. Perhaps we could call it "the shape of things to come".

Most of the discussion has centered on proposals to change the whole basic structure of the state's tax system. The proposals include:

1. "The shape of things to come" to some extent, -
2. Michigan has a rapidly expanding population. More property is being assessed, and property values are going up. The State's tax burden is shifting from the shoulders of some to others. His objection is that our Michigan tax structure is "a straightjacket government!" — a district will be put under a squeeze to meet all its income tax obligations. The direction taken to supply the programs in the short run may conceivably lead to less money for the State after the county governments and school districts. It is already in progress.

The farmer takes a look at this and says, "If that's all right, I get it."

Governor proposed a tax program in February. The Senate approved a plan to take some of the load off the assessment rolls by a direct reduction in the rate of assessed valuation. The Senate plan reduced the rate 10 per cent. The Governor proposed an increase.

The Senate plan this year puts up no "nice man" from some state down the road, with the idea that he will be "nice man" from some state down the road. That doesn't apply to corporations which operate on an inter-state basis. Special rate provisions would apply to the following categories of property:

1. A residential tax rate would be levied on personal incomes. The Legislature let it die, saying it would be a "nice man" from some state down the road which is no longer any measure of the value of a mill and 1 mill, based on the assessment roll. Local governments and school districts could be placed at 3% and the added revenues retained to supply the programs.

Objections Arise

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